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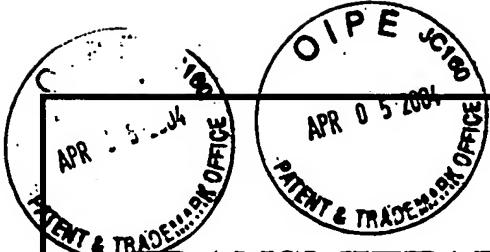
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

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<input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Extension of Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Inquiry
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Second Supplemental Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office's partial waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign patent document (B1) and the non-patent publication (C2) are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

(1) within three (3) months of the **filing date** of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), or within three (3) months of the **date of entry of the national stage** as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the **first Office action** on the merits, or before the mailing of a **first Office action** after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; or

(2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and

the requisite Statement is below, **OR**

the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00**, is included herein, or

(3) after the mailing date of a **final action or notice of allowance** but before the payment of the **issue fee**, **AND**

the requisite Statement is below, **AND**

the requisite petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00** is included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Second Supplemental Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), Applicant(s), through the undersigned, hereby state either that:

1. Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application **not more than three months** prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; or

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	A13	US 4,515,583	5/7/85	Sorich				10/17/83	
	A14	US 5,486,193	1/23/96	Bourne et al.				5/1/95	
	A15	US 5,746,734	5/5/98	Dormandy, Jr. et al.				9/12/95	
	A16	US 5,928,246	7/27/99	Gordon et al.				10/15/97	
	A17	US 5,997,562	12/7/99	Zadno-Azizi et al.				3/24/98	
	A18	US 6,053,925	4/25/00	Barnhart				2/27/98	
	A19	US 2002/0099325 A1	7/25/02	Sutton et al.				1/23/01	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS									
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	B1	EP 0 397 038 A1	11/14/90	EP			5/4/90		Y
OTHER ART, JOURNAL ARTICLES, ETC.									
EXAM. INIT.	OTHER DOCUMENTS: (Including Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication)								
	C2	International Searching Authority, "International Search Report," PCT Application No. PCT/US03/29472, mailed on January 26, 2004, 5 pgs.							
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